Public Office, *Bow-Street, Covent-Garden.*

THE PUBLIC HUE AND CRY;

OR,

Sir John Fielding's General Preventive Plan.

SENT

To the Mayors and Chief Officers of Corporations, the Acting Magiſtrates in the Counties at large, and the Keepers of every County Gaol throughout England.

From FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, to FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1774. [Nº. 10.

The DESIGN of this UNDERTAKING.

TO prevent Offences, and thereby ſave the Lives of many of his Majeſty's Subjects by the ſpeedy Detection of Criminals. To check the miſchievous Effects of Luxury, and raiſe an Attention, if poſſible, to a due Subordination by ſeaſonable Perſuaſions, conveyed in Eſſays on Human Life. To advance the Rewards of the Ingenious by exhibiting their authenticated Merits to the Public. To ſtate exiſting Evils that affect the Peace and good Order of Society; to trace them to their Sources, and point out the Remedies. And as this public ſpirited Plan is honoured by Royal Countenance, from Sentiments of the higheſt Benevolence, and is carried into Execution on the moſt diſintereſted Principles by the Editor of this Paper, to whom no poſſible Gain can ariſe, except that immenſe one of deſerving well of his Country; it has the faireſt Claim to the Approbation of the Worthy, the Aſſiſtance of the Able, and the Candour of all his Majeſty's well diſpoſed Subjects.

J. FIELDING.

P. S. All Eſſays for the Hue and Cry are deſired to be directed to Bow-Street.

To PURCHASERS OF HORSES, SHOPKEEPERS, &c.

A CAUTION.

AS the front Page of this NEWS-PAPER is ſtuck up in the Market-Place of every Corporation Town from Cornwall to Edinburgh, by Order of the Mayors and Chief Officers of ſuch Corporations, and alſo at the Church Porch, or in ſome Conſpicuous Place of the Public Road, by the Magiſtrates of the Counties at large to whom it is ſent; and from the preſent Encouragement of this Plan, Notices of Horſes being ſtolen, and other Robberies, are tranſmitted to the PUBLIC OFFICE, IN BOW-STREET; it is recommended to all Perſons to whom any Horſes or Plate, or other Goods, may be offered in the Country under ſuſpicious Circumſtances, to examine the HUE AND CRY before they purchaſe, as they may poſſibly find them advertiſed therein. And if any ſuſpicious Perſons are obſerved, it would be prudent to examine the ſaid HUE AND CRY, as poſſibly there may be ſome Account of them therein.

ESCAPED from JUSTICE.

MARY WRIGHT, charged with ſtealing a rich flowered Sacque and Coat, of a blue changeable Ground, with Straps on the Stomacher; a Garnet Necklace of eleven Rows, and other Womens Apparel. She is about twenty Years old, five Feet five Inches high, rather luſty, fair Complexion, red Cheeks and Hands; ſuppoſed to be dreſt in a Saxon Green and White Striped Stuff Gown, or a Nankeen Gown. Two Guineas Reward is offered by the Perſon robbed on her Conviction. Give Notice to the above Office.

ESCAPED from JUSTICE,

JOHN BRADBOURN, charged with a Footpad Robbery near Rotherhithe, on the Firſt of February. He is about thirty-five Years of Age, five Feet eight Inches high, thinniſh, dark Complexion, his left Eye larger than his Right, has dark Hair, or a Wig, was dreſt in a brown Coat and Waiſtcoat, and black Breeches; he has been a Cuſtom-Houſe Officer at Margate. Give Notice to the above Office.

WHEREAS Mr. John Kunniſon, of Sherborne, in Dorſetſhire, about thirty-three Years of Age, five Feet three Inches, ſwarthy Complexion, in a Club Wig, a blue Great Coat, claret-coloured Coat, and green Silk Waiſtcoat; ſet off from Saliſbury on his Way to London on the 15th inſtant, mounted on a Mouſe colour Mare with a new Pair of Saddle Bags, and called at the Houſe known by the Name of the Hut, near Virginia Water, beyond Egham, on Monday Evening the 17th inſt, about Five o'Clock; after which he again ſet off for London, and has not ſince been heard of; but his ſaid Mare was found the next Morning in a Field near Egham, with the Saddle Bags and Stirrups cut, and the Bit cut from the Bridle; and as the ſaid John Kunniſon had a conſiderable Sum of Money about him, there is Reaſon to ſuppoſe he has been Robbed and Murdered. Whoever therefore will give ſuch Information to his Brother, Robert Kunniſon, of Exeter, as may be the Means of bringing this Matter to Light, ſhall receive a Reward of Twenty Pounds.

N. B. Any perſon that has lately paid to Mr. Kunniſon, of Sherborne, in Dorſetſhire, any Bills of Exchange, Promiſſory Notes, or Bank Notes, are deſired immediately to ſend a deſcription of the ſame to Sir J. Fielding, the better to enable him to trace the Perpetrators of the above Tranſaction.

STOLEN from Alton, Hants, January the 25th, a black well-made Poney, thirteen Hands high, a Star on his Forehead, a Snip on his Noſe, the two hind Feet a little white, never docked, a little ſpotted, about eight Years old; and alſo a Saddle with Holes in the Flaps to tie on a Cuſhion or Pad, two Saddle-Straps and a forked Crupper. A Guinea Reward is offered by the Owner. Give Notice to the above Office, or to Mr. Budd, at Trinity Farm, near Alton, Hants.

STOLEN near Shrewſbury, December the 29th, a Black Mare, eight Years old, thirteen Hands high, remarkable ſlow in her Paces, has a white Blaze on her Noſe, with a black Spot in the Middle, a white Spot on her right Hip, one white Foot, a Hog Mane and nicked Tail. A Guinea Reward is offered by the Owner. Give Notice to the above Office, or to Mr. James Holt, at Quarry, near Shrewſbury.

STOLEN in Suſſex, January the 28th, a Black Cart Mare, full aged, about thirteen Hands three Inches high, a Saddle Mark on the Near Side, bald faced, no white Feet, her Tail ſhort docked, had no Shoe on her Near Hind Foot. One Guinea Reward is offered by the Owner. Give Notice to the above Office, or to Richard Worſfold, at Wimland, near Horſham, Suſſex.

To the EDITOR of the PUBLIC HUE AND CRY.

SIR,

THE practice of horse-stealing being carried to so great a length as to become almost a calling, I beg leave to propose to you the following scheme, as your approbation and interest may carry it into execution. First, an act (although there is one, 2. P. and M. for that purpose) should be obtained, and which should inflict a penalty, not less than thirty pounds, upon all persons, under whose authority a fair or market for sale of horses is kept, who do not provide one, two, or three or more toll-books for the entrance of all horses, mares, or geldings bought, sold, or exchanged in such fair or market; the number of these toll-books will prevent any croud or delay to business; and those to be regulated according to the greatness of such fair. For the entrance of all such purchases or exchanges, the parties, buyer and seller, to pay each sixpence: the toll collector, who made the entry, should be obliged to give a copy of it to the purchaser, signed with his name, and which should be looked upon as a voucher for the farther sale or exchange of such horse or horses; and if any person should counterfeit such certificate, by the signature of the toll gatherers name, they should be prosecuted for forgery; but in case any horse-dealer or other person should loose, or pretend to have lost such ticket, he should then be obliged to produce two sufficient securities to the satisfaction of the purchaser, for the sale or exchange of such horse or horses: this would not be attended with any great trouble or delay, as the keeper of each toll-book might be furnished with a number of printed blank tickets as follows:

Gloucestershire. Campden Fair, or Market, December 10, 1773.

Purchaser, *William Smith*, of in the county of baker, who purchased of A. B. of in the county of horse-dealer, one *black* gelding, two white feet behind, star and snip, at sixteen pounds. C. D. of in the county of *grocer*, and E. F. of in the county of Innholder, vouchers, John Baker, Toll-Keeper.

If any horse, mare, or gelding should be purchased, exchanged, or bartered away at any other time, not in fair or market, the purchaser should be obliged, (at his own loss if he did not) to take the seller, with two sufficient securities, to the next justice of peace, mayor, or bailiff of town, who should make entry of such sale, and give certificate, according to the foregoing plan, for which his clerk should receive one shilling and sixpence; nor should any purchase be deemed legal, so as to secure a horse, that was not conformable to this plan.

And in order to put this into execution effectually, the Michaelmas next after the passing such act, such act should take place; and every purchaser of a horse stolen, (provided the purchaser has not had the horse purchase and used him openly for twelve months,) who should have purchased any horse not conformable to this plan, should have no remedy against the person from whom such horse was stolen, who should reclaim him and prove him his property; and who should be put to no other expence in so doing but only his paying for the summons for that purpose: but the person who purchased the horse shall have his remedy as far as one half of the purchase money from the vouchers, to be recovered from them in a summary way by the justice before whom this is heard, share and share alike, who shall levy it by warrant of distress, in case it be not paid in ten days time after the complaint is heard.

This method would quicken an application soon after any horses that were stolen, and would prevent the expectations horse-stealers have in disposing of them at distant fairs, as they could not provide vouchers readily; and would also give an opportunity to any office-keeper to make application after horses stolen, who might send a description of them to the different fairs; and, if the publishers of the News Papers in each county town would once a month insert an account of these horses stolen, and which, if briefly done, would not take up one paragraph, it would be of very great service.

The objections to toll-books not being kept, and which I know is not done at many fairs, are the delay to business on one side, and the smallness of the sum paid on the other, which makes it not worth while to keep such books; but both these by these methods will be set aside, and, as you justly observe, prevention is much more agreeable than punishment of crimes; I think if something of this nature was proposed, it would put a stop to a crime that calls forth all our attention.

If my scheme proves abortive, I have this satisfaction, that I should think no pains ill-bestowed in giving any assistance to a gentleman, whose mind is fully employed for the good of his country; —— as my mite may be accepted by him who has generosity enough to think properly of the offer. That many years may add a blessing to the community in the life of Sir John Fielding, is the earnest wish of,

Dear Sir,
Your most humble Servant,

Mickleton, near Campden, Gloucestershire. BENJA. FEILD.

From the LONDON GAZETTE.

Dresden, Jan. 12.

THE late heavy fall of snow having been succeeded by severe frost, the navigation of the Elbe is entirely stopt; but it is thought it will prove beneficial to the land in this part of Germany. Many provinces of this electorate have for several months been over-run with such numbers of field-mice, that all the methods made use of to destroy them have hitherto proved ineffectual; it is hoped, however, that this great quantity of snow, when it melts, will drown them, and prevent any farther damage from these vermin.

Berlin, Jan. 18. To-day, being the birth-day of Prince Henry of Prussia, his Royal Highness had a numerous levee at his palace this morning; and in the evening there will be a ridotto and masquerade, at which his Prussian Majesty will be present.

The Queen of Prussia still continues very ill, and is confined to her apartment.

St. James's, Jan. 27. The King has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable John Earl of Galloway to be one of the Commissioners of Police in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, in the room of the Right Honourable Alexander Earl of Galloway, deceased.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint James Harris, Esq; to be her Majesty's Secretary and Comptroller.

MONDAY, Jan. 31.

LONDON.

Yesterday the Rev. Mr. Hamilton preached before his Majesty, at the Chapel Royal, St. James's.

The Sword of State was carried to and from Chapel, by his Grace the Duke of Chandois.

After his Majesty returned from Chapel, there was a Court and Drawing-room, at which their Graces the Dukes of Ancaster, Buccleugh, Chandois, Earls of Gower, Aberdeen, Lord Viscount Clare, Falmouth, Lords Tyrconnel, Cadogan, &c. were present.

Her Majesty was not present at the Drawing-room, St. James's.

The same day her Grace the Duchess of Chandois attended the Drawing-room at St. James's, for the first time this season.

Saturday evening a Council was held at Earl Gower's, in Privy Garden, at which Lord North, the two Secretaries of State, Earl Dartmouth, Lord Sandwich, and Duke of Ancaster, were present.

Yesterday the Right Hon. Earl Bute arrived at his house in South Audley-street, from Luton Hoo; he was sent for to town on Friday night by a special messenger.

Notwithstanding the reports in favour of the Drs. Hurd and Dampier, it is not determined who shall fill the vacant See; it is now asserted that neither of the above will be successful.

Mr. C—— B—— has betted Mr. F—— one thousand guineas, that on one day, (being twenty-four hours) within the space of three months from the present date, he will find a man to go in a bark (not exceeding fifty tons burthen, nor under forty) to the bottom of the water, the depth being one hundred feet, and stay in her there himself, for the space of twelve hours, and then bring the said bark up to the surface, with himself in it, without any other aid but his own.

A survey has been made by government of the Tower, in consequence of Lord Townsend's observations, in order to make another entrance for the safety of the inhabitants.

A correspondent assures us, that a certain brewer began to brew on Friday night last, and means to continue at a rate that will recover his lost time.—Quere, *What has become of their agreement?* It is certainly lost or mislaid.

The Pallifer, Capt. ——, is lost at Providence.

The Four Sisters, Gunston, from Alicant to London, is stranded near Persia, opposite Pangia, on the coast of Barbary; and it is reported, that several vessels from Gibraltar are lost on the coast of Cales.

The Townsend, Moss, a missing ship, from Gottenburgh, is put into Corke.

MARRIAGES.] On Saturday was married at St. Alban's, Wood-street, Mr. George Courtup, to Miss Webb, niece to Mr. Hayward, Wine Merchant. Friday at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, Mr. Prosser, Sword-Cutler, of Hyde-street, Bloomsbury, to Miss Sarah Kent, of Redcross-street. On Saturday at St. Mary le Strand, John Breaband, Esq. of Middlewich in Cheshire, to Miss Yewd, daughter of Mr. Yewd, an eminent Attorney in Lyon's Inn.

DEATHS.] Thursday died in St. Margaret-street, Westminster, Lady l'Anson, widow of the late Sir Thomas l'Anson, and sister of Henry Bankes, Esq; of Kingston Hall, Dorsetshire. Same day died at Cambridge, Mrs. Lediard, wife of Mr. Lediard, Jeweller, in St. Paul's Church-yard, London. Saturday Mr. Masters, Brushmaker in Butcher-hall-lane, Newgate-street. Same day in Gutter-lane, Mr. John Dudd: he was the oldest inhabitant of the Ward, having lived in one house sixty years; he was also father of the Joiners Company. A few days ago, at Bromley, in Kent, Mr. Philip Grostly, Hop Factor. Sunday se'nnight, at his house at Stanstead Abbot, Mr. Michael Pepper, perhaps the most considerable Maltster and Mealman in the kingdom: he one Saturday bought in Hertford Market twelve hundred load of wheat. On the 12th of last month died Mrs. Rigby, of Warrington, daughter of the Rev. John Taylor, D. D. Divinity Tutor in the Warrington academy.

TUESDAY, Feb. 1.

LONDON.

Yesterday being kept as the Anniversary of King Charles's Martyrdom, there was no levee at St. James's.

On Sunday the following Judges and Aldermen dined at the Mansion-House, with the Lord Mayor, viz. Justice Gould, Justice Willes, Baron Adams, Baron Perrot, and Baron Eyre; Alderman Crosby, Thomas, and Peckham, Sheriff Lee, &c.

Thursday last was read, in the Royal Society's meeting, the account of the new comet now appearing, which was first discovered on the 13th of October last, by Mr. Messier, of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Paris; and since his communication to the astronomers, it has been observed in England, and other parts of Europe. But the smallness of its body renders it very difficult to be seen without the help of a telescope. Its first appearance was near the Lion's constellation, a little below Regulus; the movement is very slow, from west to east, according to the order of signs; and on the 27th of December last it was in the constellation of Hevelius's Hounds. Mr. Pingre, of the same academy, has calculated the elements of this comet upon thirty-three very accurate observations made by Mr. Messier at different days, and found that the inclination of its orbit is 60 deg. 50 min. the ascending node 4 signs and 48 minutes. The perihelion of this comet was at 2 signs 13 deg. 18 min. the time of its nearest approach to the sun was on the 6th of September last, at 3 hours 27 min. in the morning, mean time, at the Paris Observatory; and the logarithmical distance of its perihelion was 10.046.510; which shews this comet to be one of those, from which no sensible influence may be apprehended to our globe. It will continue to appear for some time on our horizon.

On Thursday last Lord Mansfield, and the rest of the Judges in the Court of King's Bench, in Westminster-Hall, gave their opinion in the matter relating to the arresting of General Gansell, at his lodgings in Craven-street last summer, when their Lordships determination was, that the General was legally arrested; the caption being therefore held good, he is to remain in gaol until he hath satisfied his creditors, or is otherwise discharged by due course of law.

The market in Smithfield yesterday morning was rather thin of cattle, which went off but heavily, on account of the high prices which were asked for them.

At Leadenhall market yesterday, beef sold from 3s. to 3s. 6d. mutton from 2s. 11d. to 3s. 5d. veal from 4s. to 4s 9d. pork from 3s 5d. to 4s. 10d. per stone.

Prices of leather at the above market: butt 1s. and three halfpence, crap 10d. halfpenny, skins from 8d. to 9d. per pound, raw hides from 15s. to 2l. 10s.

Prices of Corn at BEAR KEY yesterday.

Per Quarter.

Wheat, 42s. to 48s. Barley, 23s. to 28s. Rye, 24s. to 25s. Oats, 15s. to 18s. Pale Malt, 33s. to 37s. Brown Malt, 32s. to 35s. Peafe, 30s. to 31s 6d. Hog Peafe, 30s. to 31s. Beans, 25s. to 27s. and 34s. Tick old, 29s. New, 21s. to 23s. Tares, 24s. to 30s.

Per Sack.

Fineft Flour, 40s. Second fort, 37s. Third fort, 34s.

MARRIAGES.] Friday was married at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, Mr. Proffer, fword-cutler, of Bloomfbury, to Miſs Sarah Kent, of Redcroſs-ſtreet. Saturday, Mr. John Braſſett, junior, at St. Botolph, Aldgate, to Miſs M'Crea, of Bethnal-green, an agreeable young lady with a fortune of 1000l. Laſt Thurſday, at Beconsfield, Bucks, Capt. Montgomery, of Savage-garden, near Tower hill, to Miſs Anthony, daughter of —— Anthony, Eſq. of Beconsfield.

DEATHS.] Yeſterday died, in Chancery-Lane, —— Faulknore, Eſq. a captain of marines on half-pay. Sunday, Mr. Egleton, white lead maker in Barnaby-ſtreet, Southwark. Yeſterday, Mrs. Burrows, mother of Mr. Burrows, linen-draper, in Leadenhall-ſtreet, in a fit as ſhe ſat at dinner. Saturday laſt, in Sackville-ſtreet, Theophilus Greenwood, Eſq. Sunday, Mr. Collires, leather-ſeller, in Fenchurch-ſtreet. Yeſterday, Mr. Dalrymple, many years maſter of a livery ſtable in Oxford-ſtreet. The 26th ult. at his ſeat at Stradbally, Queen's County, Ireland, the Right Hon. Dudley Alexander Sydney Coſby, Lord Sydney, of Leix, and Baron of Stradbally. On Saturday, of an apoplectic fit, at Daniel Mackay's, Eſq. at Kentiſh-Town, Thomas Wheate, Eſq. late an eminent linen-draper in Cheapſide, but had retired from buſineſs ſome time. On Friday, at Windſor, Miſs Sarah Anderſon, daughter of the late William Anderſon, of Tower-hill, merchant. On Saturday morning, of a ſhort illneſs, Mrs. Largent, wife of Mr. Largent, clerk of St. Dunſtan's in the Weſt. Saturday night, in Peter-ſtreet, Weſtminſter, Mr. Dehague, formerly clerk to the New River Company. Same day, in Gutter-lane, Mr. John Dudd. He was the oldeſt inhabitant of the ward, having lived in one houſe ſixty years; he was alſo father of the Joiners Company. Sunday the Rev. Dr. Burton, late Head Maſter of Wincheſter College, which he held for forty-two years.

Friday died of an aſthma, Mr. James Wood, long an officer in the Surveyor General's Office. He was ſon of the late Reverend James Wood, a diſſenting miniſter in Lancaſhire, who, in the beginning of the reign of King George the Firſt, raiſed a company of ſeventy young men of his own congregation, who armed and marched at their own expence, and offered their ſervice to General Wills, when he attacked the rebels at Preſton, in the year 1715, who aſſigned him the honourable poſt for the defence of Ribble-bridge.

From the LONDON GAZETTE, Feb. 1.

Naples, Dec. 28.

WE have accounts of the arrival of Count Corofa at Palermo, with two battaſions, conſiſting of about ſeven hundred men; and that he has been well received and lodged in the city, but that the Mae ſtranza are not inclined to give admittance to the troops, ſo that they are quartered in the ſuburbs. It is ſaid that the burghers, unleſs compelled by force, will not give up their ancient privilege of guarding the city of Palermo, nor ſuffer the Duke Fogliani's return thither: they continue to call loudly for ratification of the indulto granted them by the archbiſhop; and as they are ſaid to amount to twenty thouſand armed men, it may require time to reduce them to obedience.

Vienna, Jan. 15, We have had to-day, about half an hour after one o'clock in the afternoon, two very ſmart ſhocks of an earthquake, which were felt in almoſt every houſe in Vienna, but without cauſing any damage, as we have yet heard. The weather was calm and pleaſant, and a gentle thaw, with ſunſhine.

Lent Preachers appointed to preach before his Majeſty, for the year 1774:

Feb. 16	Aſh-Wedneſ.	Dean of the Chapel, Lord Biſhop of London.
	18 Friday,	Dean of Peterborough, Dr. Tarrant.
	20 Sunday,	Lord Biſhop of Saliſbury.
	23 Wedneſday,	Mr. Hamilton.
	25 Friday,	Dean of Glouceſter, Dr. Tucker.
	27 Sunday,	Lord Biſhop of Chicheſter.
March	2 Wedneſday,	Dr. Horne.
	4 Friday,	Dean of Wells, Lord Francis Seymour.
	6 Sunday,	Lord Biſhop of Oxford.
	9 Wedneſday,	Dr. Schutz.
	11 Friday,	Dean of Saliſbury, Dr. Green.
	13 Sunday,	Lord Biſhop of Bath and Wells.
	16 Wedneſday,	Mr. Morice.
	18 Friday,	Dean of Chicheſter, Dr. Harward.
	20 Sunday,	Lord Biſhop of St. David's.
	23 Wedneſday,	Mr. Fountain.
	25 Friday,	Dean of Exeter, Dr. Milles
	27 Palm-Sunday,	Lord Archbiſhop of Canterbury, or Lord Archbiſhop of York.
	30 Wedneſday,	Mr. Courtenay.
April	1 Good-Friday,	Dean of Weſtminſter, Dr. Thomas.
	3 Eaſter-day,	Lord Almoner.

HERTFORD.

Lent-preachers appointed to preach at his Majeſty's Chapel, at Whitehall, on Wedneſdays and Fridays, for the year 1774:

Feb. 16	Aſh-Wedneſ.	Dean of Ely, Dr. Thomas.
	18 Friday,	Dr. Roberts.
	23 Wedneſday,	Dr. Roſs.
	25 Friday,	Dr. Foreſter.
Mar.	2 Wedneſday,	Dr. Percy.
	4 Friday,	Dr. Dodd.
	9 Wedneſday,	Dr. Franklyn.
	11 Friday,	Dr. Hotham.
	16 Wedneſday,	Mr. Jacob.
	18 Friday,	Mr. Taylor.
	23 Wedneſday,	Mr. Marriot.
	25 Friday,	Mr. Maſon.
	30 Wedneſday,	Dr. Porteus.
April	1 Good-Friday,	Dean of Hereford, Dr. Wethercll.

HERTFORD.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 2.

LONDON.

The Lords of the Admiralty have appointed John Jackſon, Eſq; their Commiſſioner and Receiver-General of all the rights and perquiſites of Admiralty belonging to his Majeſty, throughout Great Britain, Ireland, and the Plantations, in the room of Burrington Goldſworthy, Eſq; deceaſed.

Yeſterday Lord Chief Juſtice De Grey appointed Mr. Thomas Lee, Filacer in the Court of Common Pleas, for the County of York, &c. in the room of Bibye Lake, Eſq.

Days and places appointed for holding the Aſſizes on the Home Circuit, before the Hon. Baron Perrott, and Mr. Juſtice Willes.

Hertford, Tueſday March 1, at Hertford.
Eſſex, Monday 7, at Chelmsford.
Kent, Monday 14, at Maidſtone.
Suſſex, Monday 21, at Eaſt Grimſtead.
Surry, Wedneſday 23, at Kingſton upon Thames.

The Rev. Henry Chayter, LL. D. late of Magdalen College, is preſented to the vicarage of Catterick in Yorkſhire, worth upwards of 200l. a year; void by the reſignation of the Rev. Theophilus Lindſay, M. A.

The Rev. Robert Darley Waddilove, M. A. Chaplain to Lord Grantham, his Majeſty's Ambaſſador at the Court of Madrid, is preſented by the Dean and Chapter of York to the Vicarage of Topcliffe in Yorkſhire.

At Manchester and Salford, in the courſe of laſt year, there were 1268 chriſtenings, 923 burials, and 383 marriages.

At Derby, in the courſe of laſt year, there were 72 marriages, 283 chriſtenings, and 279 burials; and at Nottingham there were 756 chriſtenings, and 647 burials.

By the general bill of mortality at Glaſgow, for the year 1773, it appears, that 1319 perſons have died, of whom 633 were males, and 686 females.

Yeſterday the daughter of Mr. Brackſtone, a butcher in Clerkenwell, tumbling out of a two pair of ſtairs window, luckily fell into a baker's baſket, and received leſs hurt than could be expected.

Yeſterday morning the wife of an eminent tradeſman in Alderſgate-ſtreet, was taken into cuſtody for murdering her new born infant. It is thought the ſhame of being delivered too ſoon after her marriage, was the cauſe of it.

MARRIAGES]. Sunday was married at St. Martin's in the Fields, Mr. Charles Windus, to Miſs Ann Horton, in the county of Glouceſter. On Sunday the 23d ult. at Didbrook, the Right Hon. Lord Aylmer, to the ſecond daughter of Sir Charles Whitworth. Yeſterday at Chriſt Church, Newgate-ſtreet, Capt. Tomlin, of Margate, to Miſs Rowe, of Newgate-ſtreet. A few days ſince Thomas Harwood, Eſq. Surveyor of the Cuſtom-houſe at Rocheſter, to Miſs Long of the ſame place. Monday Mr. Thomas Sugden, to Miſs Rebecca Brett, only daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Brett, Clerk of the Checque at Chatham.

DEATHS.] Saturday ſe'nnight died, at Berwick, John Temple, Eſq. formerly a collector of the revenues there. On Saturday, of an apoplectic fit, at Daniel Mackay's, Eſq. at Kentiſh Town, Thomas Wheate, Eſq. late an eminent Linen-draper in Cheapſide, but had retired. Laſt week, at Portſmouth, Capt. Henry Lee, of the 41ſt regiment of foot, or invalids. Monday, in Cavendiſh-ſquare, Peter Rolley Cooper, Eſq. Laſt Sunday Mrs. Holman, lady of Philip Holman, Eſq. at his houſe in Park-Place. Laſt week Mr. Tucker, ſen. Member of the Corporation of Bridgewater. Yeſterday, in Grace-church-ſtreet, Mrs. Martha Yewdale, aged 65, relict of the late Mr. William Yewdale, a Turkey Merchant. Sunday the lady of the Rev. Mr. Heber, near Greene's Brewery, Weſtminſter.

THURSDAY, Feb. 3.

LONDON.

They write from Eutin, that the Prince Biſhop of Lubeck is dangerouſly ill.

The Biſhop of Kiow who rendered himſelf famous by his zeal for his country (Poland) and was in conſequence carried priſoner to Ruſſia, died the 7th ult. at Warſaw.

They write from St. Maloes, that the L'Eſprit, a new ſhip of war of 64 guns, a preſent from the citizens of that town to the King of France, was launched there the 7th of January.

Mount Veſuvius began ſome days ago to emit lava on the ſide of Ottajano, but in ſmall quantities.

A volcano has lately broke out in the neighbourhood of Tangier, which has done much miſchief, and is ſucceeded by ſome violent ſhocks of an earthquake.

Yeſterday there was a levee at St. James's, at which the principal Officers of State, &c. were preſent.

Same day the Earl of Suffolk and Right Hon. Lord North, had each a conference with his Majeſty at St. James's.

The Earl of Chatham is at this time in perfect health at his new ſeat near Lyme in Derſetſhire, nor is he expected in town at all this winter. *Lond. Packet.*

Tueſday there was a General Court of the Proprietors of Eaſt-India ſtock, at their Houſe in Leadenhall-ſtreet, purſuant to public notice, for the determination, by ballot, of the following queſtion, viz. "That it is the opinion of this Court, that it be recommended to the Court of Directors to appoint Col. Robert Gordon Commander in Chief of the forces at the Preſidency of Bombay, by reſcinding the late appointment of Col. Stuart to that command."—The balloting began at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and ended at ſix the ſame day; about ſeven o'clock the numbers declared from the chair were as follow:

For the queſtion,	—	347
Againſt it,	——	192
	Majority	155

The queſtion relative to Literary Property ſtands upon order to be ſolemnly argued by Counſel to-morrow, at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords: The event of the Appeal materially affects the Literature of this Country, as well as the Property of many Individuals, to an immenſe amount.

Extract of a letter from Gibraltar, Jan. 1.

"We have the pleasure to inform you, that the communication with Barbary, which has been a long time cut off, is now opened again, and we have received some large supplies of fresh provisions, which have been much wanted. The Corsairs that have been so very numerous in the Mediterranean, have suddenly withdrawn to their respective ports, in consequence of some Neapolitan and Sicilian ships of war fitted out against them, who have treated several of them very roughly. The garrison is in good health:

Extract of a letter from Venice, Dec. 22.

"A Ragusan vessel has just arrived here, and brings advice that Admiral Spiritoff has lately been worsted in an engagement with the Turkish fleet off the island of Scires, which island is now in possession of the latter. In the engagement, which lasted many hours, two of the Russian ships blew up, one ran on shore and was lost, and three were taken. The Ragusan adds, that three French frigates assisted the Turks; but this part of the intelligence merits farther confirmation."

The Russel, Europa, Mars, and Antelope are the four men of war appointed to the American station, under the command of Admiral Greaves.

The Brothers, M'Lean, loaded with coals, was lost the 8th of January, on Strongford Bar, and all the crew and one passenger drowned.

At Leadenhall-market yesterday, the prices of provisions were as follow:—Beef, 2s. 6d. to 3s. 2d. Mutton, 2s. 8d. to 3s. 2d. Veal, 3s. to 4s. 6d. per stone. House-lamb, from 15s. to 2l.

Prices of leather at the above market were as follow: Butt, 1s. 1d. Crop, 10s. Skins, 8d. half penny per pound. Raw Hides, from 14s. 6d. to 2l. 8s. 6d.

Hay and straw sold on Tuesday at Smithfield-market at the following prices, viz. Hay from 2l. to 2l. 18s. per load. Straw, from 1l. 1s. to 1l. 10s. 6d. per ton.

Tuesday a large barge loaded with bricks was run down by a coasting vessel near Cuckold's Point, and sunk. The bargemen were fortunately saved.

Tuesday night as Mr. Sharrock, master of the Blue Anchor, King-street, Seven-dials, was drinking tea, he fell down in an apoplectic fit, and expired immediately.

The frost was more intense on Tuesday night, as appeared by many curious glasses, than was ever known before in the same space of time in the island of Great Britain.

We have the fullest authority to assure our readers, that the robberies mentioned in our paper to have been committed in and near St. James's-square are totally without foundation: we are obliged to the gentleman who took so much pains to detect the falsehoods of the specious collector of them, and assure him that we have in consequence discharged him our service.

Tuesday afternoon a man coming by the stick shop on Ludgate-hill, his foot slipped, and his elbow broke one of the shew glasses; and about an hour afterwards, a poor woman, with a child at her back, slipped down by the same shop, and cut her arm in such a manner, that it is thought she will lose the use of it. She was sent to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The first matter of any consequence at Bow-street yesterday, was the accusation of a late servant of Sir Watkin Williams Wynne, who, in December 1771, robbed his master's wardrobe of sundry rich suits of cloaths, the wearing apparel of Sir Watkin and his Lady. The robbery was proved, and Wild, the prisoner, confessed the fact. Sir John then told Sir Watkin, who was present, that as they were taken from his seat in the country, and disposed of in London, he might either have him tried in Wales, or the Old Bailey; that if he was tried in the country, the offence would be capital, and he would be found guilty of a burglary; but that if he was tried in London, it would be only grand larceny, and the penalty of transportation. Sir Watkin, in mercy, chose the latter, and he was committed accordingly.

The next persons brought before the Bench, were a Jew, known by the name of Yapper, (for robbing Mr. Hanforth's warehouse, at the Swan and Two Necks, Lad-Lane, of goods to the amount of 200l.) and his sweetheart, for receiving them, knowing them to be stolen. It appeared on the oath of Mr. Hanforth's porter, who was an accomplice, and admitted King's evidence, that he (the porter) upon looking out for a person to purchase stolen goods, was recommended to this Jew, who accordingly went and inspected the goods in the warehouse, and said, I will bring my horse and cart and take off a *wheel* of them at once; that in the night they cut the dog's throat, opened the warehouse door with a picklock-key, (many of which, from the size of a church-door lock to that of a tea-chest, were afterwards found in Yapper's possession) and carried off a cart-load of boxes, &c. A search warrant being granted to recover some of the things, two constables found several; and as they were bringing them away in a hackney-coach, one of them was obliged to get out, when the other (whose name is Keys) embraced the opportunity, and took a silk handkerchief out of one of the bags. The fact was unexpectedly made known to the Justices, and the unwary peace-officer, from being an evidence, was ordered to the bar, and not being able to make any defence, was committed.

A Publican at Hoxton was next charged with buying a quantity of flower roots, (pinks) in December last, and committed, as a receiver of stolen goods, it being presumed he knew them to be stolen, as he bought them at an unseasonable time of the year.

Several other matters of a less nature were heard and adjusted.—*Morning Post.*

We hear that on the 30th of January the house of Mrs. Huntley, at Gateshead, near Newcastle upon Tyne, was broke open, and robbed of 30l. in money, and a pair of large silver buckles, marked E G. And that on the same night the house of Jonathan Mead, at Dunstable, Bedfordshire, was broke open, and robbed of two pieces of coarse cloth, and a quantity of hempen and flaxen thread.

Commitments during the course of last week.

To Leicester gaol, Joseph Gutteridge, for fowl stealing; he is a Leicester man, five feet six inches high, and about thirty years of age; Thomas Coy, William Troop, and William Hunt, for sheep stealing; Coy is five feet five inches and three quarters high, thirty-six years of age; Troop is five feet nine inches high, thirty years of age; Hunt is five feet ten inches high, and forty years of age, they are all labourers and Leicester men.

To Salisbury gaol, John Dike, for felony, twenty-one years of age, five feet one inch and an half high, born at Bradford in Wilts.

To Shrewsbury gaol, Watkin Archer, for burglary, he is twenty-seven years of age, five feet four inches high, born at Newport in Shropshire, and is a sow-gelder; Sarah Pugh, for felony, twenty-three years of age, five feet three inches high, born at Drayton in Shropshire; John Hughes, for felony, forty-five years of age, five feet four inches high, born at Ludlow in Shropshire, and is a buckle-maker; John Morris, for felony, forty-three years of age, five feet ten inches high, born at Chunbury in Shropshire, and is a labourer; John Price, a butcher, for felony, twenty-five years of age, five feet five inches high, born at Bishopscastle Shropshire; William Cowder, for felony, twenty-three years of age, five feet five inches high, born at Shawbury Shropshire.

To York castle, James Barber, of Homeforth, for horse-stealing, he is thirteen years of age; Elizabeth Bates, convicted at the Wakefield sessions, twenty-five years of age, five feet five inches high, a weaver.

To Warwick gaol, Robert Stourton, for felony, he is a labourer, thirty-one years of age, five feet seven inches high, born at Raging on Warwickshire; John Salmon, for felony, born at Bloxam in Oxfordshire, twenty four years of age, five feet five inches high, a labourer; and on Friday the 28th of January was committed at Coventry, by Mr. Alderman Hewit, one John Fraigneaux, charged on oath with privately stealing, in the night, from Mr. Parker, a silver watch, and some money. Fraigneaux pretends to be a French Teacher, and it appears, by papers found upon him, that he hath been in London, and in Yorkshire, particularly at Skipton, Whitby, and Kipling; likewise in Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire; though, when first examined, he pretended to be an entire stranger, and but just landed from Ireland. He had been in Coventry but two nights before he committed the above robbery. The prisoner is about five feet eight inches high, swarthy complexion, black hair tied behind; had on, when apprehended, a dark drab coloured surtout coat, crimson velvet collar, and under coat, black cloath breeches, and black stockings. His hat was round, and bound with velvet. He had with him a yellow and white spaniel dog, supposed to have been stolen.

To Oxford castle, Edward Parslow, for horse-stealing, he is twenty-five years of age, five feet seven inches high, born at South Leigh Oxfordshire; William Hardiman, for felony, aged forty-five, five feet five inches high, born at Broudwell Gloucestershire, has been in the army; John Gardner, for sheep-stealing, aged twenty-two, five feet six inches high, born at Oxford, a labourer: Mary Shepherd, for felony, born at Oxford.

To Bedford gaol, William Wootten, for felony, thirty years of age, five feet high, born at Bedford.

To Chester castle, Joseph Edwards, and Thomas Blanthorn, for felony; Blanthorn is a taylor, sixty years of age, five feet six inches high; Edwards is a labourer, thirty-five years of age, five feet ten inches high; Martha Ackerly, for felony, about thirty years of age, a short woman; Thomas Hough, on suspicion of having set fire to a stack of hay, he is thirty-five years of age, about five feet ten inches high, a shoemaker.

To Winchester gaol, James Fleming, for horse-stealing, he is five feet seven inches and three quarters high, eighteen years old, several moles on his left cheek, born in the Isle of Wight.

To Lancaster gaol, James Glover, alias James Castle, alias James Taylor, alias Joseph Branch, alias James Day, alias James Nicholson, for returning from transportation before the expiration of the time for which he was transported. It is remarkable of this man, that about four years ago he was capitally convicted at London, for robbing a lighter on the river Thames, but received his Majesty's free pardon; he was afterwards transported for robbing a warehouse, returned from transportation, and was taken up in Lancashire for a burglary, for which he was tried and acquitted; he afterwards broke open a watchmaker's shop at Petersborough, for which he was a second time transported, and has now returned from transportation again, and was apprehended at Manchester with a loaded pistol and implements of housebreaking about him.

OBSERVATION.

If the Keepers of the County Gaols continue punctually to make a weekly return to the above office of the names and descriptions of the offenders committed to their charge, it must be the means of recovering many prisoners that have broke Gaol, and of detecting many notorious criminals who have committed offences in the counties from whence they have escaped; and if the Post-Masters in the different parts of England pay an exact attention to the directions they have received from the Hon. the Post-Master General, in sending an immediate account of every robbery that comes to their knowledge, with the best description of the offenders, the whole state of criminal matters that arise within the course of the week, will be contained in this Paper, the Public Advertiser, and the Gazetteer, to which therefore we refer Pawnbrokers, Silversmiths, Dealers in Cloaths, and Horse Dealers, to prevent their buying or receiving stolen goods or horses; for as it is natural for offenders who escape justice in the country to fly towards London for shelter, such occurrences, together with those that arise in town, are advertised in those two daily papers; and as it is also as common for offenders who escape justice in this metropolis to fly into the country for shelter, these occurrences are constantly advertised in the Hue and Cry: by these reciprocal methods escapes must be rendered difficult, the evil-disposed deterred from involving themselves and families in distress; the number of capital offenders lessened, and the lives of many of his Majesty's subjects thereby happily saved, to the joy of humanity and the honour of civil policy.

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